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Computer tampering case dismissed against former Elba W&E employee in district court

The computer tampering case filed against former Elba Water and Electric employee Amy Sewell was dismissed Thursday, Sept. 15, in the District Court of Coffee County [Elba Division].

Sewell was arrested May 4, 2022 and charged with misdemeanor computer tampering. At the time of the arrest, Elba Police Chief Troy Staley said his department had received a complaint that Sewell allegedly assisted in misuse of a victim's personal information.

Sewell was terminated by the Elba Water and Electric board after allegations were made public.

Represented by attorneys Merrill and Griffin Shirley, Sewell appeared in the Coffee County District Court last Thursday. The State of Alabama was represented by Assistant District Attorney Brandon Coots.

Coots, on behalf of the State, made a motion to nolle prosequi the case. This is a formal notice of abandonment by state to seek prosecution; therefore, dismissing the case against Sewell.

The official court order to nolle prosequi was signed by Coffee County District Judge Joshua Wilson.

Notice: Elba implements weight restriction on bridges



Weight limit signs have been posted at each end of the Pea River Bridge on Davis Street in downtown Elba after the Elba City Council approved an ordinance Sept. 12th implementing weight restrictions on bridges in the downtown business district. As noted in the photo, the weight limit for the bridge is 13 tons. Violators could face a fine.

Elba approves ordinance for weight restrictions on bridges

The Elba City Council approved an ordinance Monday evening, Sept. 12, during its meeting to establish and implement weight restrictions on bridges in the downtown business district in Elba.

Mayor Tom Maddox noted there are several structural deficient bridges in the State of Alabama, and there are 127 bridges in the state considered severely compromised. He said the Pea River bridge on Davis Street leading in and out of the downtown area in Elba is one of those 127 severely compromised bridges.

"If we don't do something [now], over a period of time, especially with heavy log trucks traveling over the bridge, it will reduce the life of the bridge," the mayor said.

He added that Alabama Code Section 39-9-20 authorizes the municipality to restrict bridge weight limits on city roadways as necessary to protect general welfare and public safety.

According to the ordinance, that is now in effect, the downtown business district shall consist of all streets, roads, and highways lying inside the public highway loop, beginning at the intersection of Alabama Highway 189 and Highway 203 south of Elba and continuing east on US Highway 84 to the intersection of Davis Street and Highway 84 east of the city.

After unanimous consent from the council to consider the ordinance at first reading, a motion to adopt the ordinance was made by council member A R Williams with a second from council member Gappa Wise. It passed by unanimous vote, as well.

The ordinance noted that persons violating the posted weight restriction shall be cited by any duly authorized peace officers with a uniform traffic complaint, and any such violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Area Happenings

A GOOD LUCK CELEBRATION will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, in honor of Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy and Little Miss Elba Bella Bane at Blessed Nutrition (127 Factory Ave, Elba) from 5:30 p.m. This is a come and go event for these young ladies as they prepare to represent the City of Elba at the Miss and Little Miss National Peanut Festival pageants.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL...On Thursday, Sept. 22, the Brantley Bulldogs will host Highland Home while on Friday, Sept. 23, the Elba Tigers will host Providence Christian, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host G.W. Long, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Goshen, and the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Pike County. Kickoff for all games will be 7 p.m.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING Friday, Oct 14th. The theme is "Top Gun: TIGERS!" There will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire Thursday evening [Oct. 13] at 6:30 p.m. at Tiger Town Park. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday morning at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally in the Elba High School stadium. Visitors for the coronation and pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1992 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the parade promptly beginning at 3 p.m. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Elba High School at 897-2266 OR going online to the Elba High School Facebook Page and completing the online form. The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Florala at 7 p.m.

Elba man arrested on sexual abuse and sodomy charges

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested an Elba man last Wednesday, Sept. 14, on charges of sexual abuse and sodomy.

Derwin Stokes, age 57, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail last Wednesday morning just after 11 a.m. on three counts of sexual abuse – first degree, and one count of sodomy – first degree. Reportedly, the victims in the alleged crimes were two children under the age of 12.

Stokes remained in the Coffee County Jail with his bond set at \$400,000 (\$100,000 each for the three counts of sexual abuse – first and \$100,000 for the sodomy – first charge.)



Derwin Stokes

Ring Ceremony planned for Thursday evening, Sept. 29, for Elba's state champion golf team

The 2022 Elba High School state champion golf team for Class 1A/2A boys will be celebrated Thursday evening, Sept. 29, with a ring ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Elba County Club, beginning at 6 p.m. It is open to the public to

Drive, Elba.

No donation is too small," Coach Wicker said. Boys will be celebrated accepting donations to help pay for the state champion rings for the Class 1A/2A boys in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's championship tournament.

Q&A with Dylan McCollough, CRNP @ Elba Healthcare

The Elba Healthcare medical clinic opened in early August in Elba, and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) Dylan McCollough, and his staff have been seeing patients for about six weeks now.

The Elba Healthcare office is operated under the umbrella of Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

The Elba Healthcare clinic is located at 918 Drayton Avenue in Elba.

On Tuesday morning of this week, the Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed the facility to business in Elba by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony. Joining Chamber officials and Elba Healthcare employees for this occasion were City of Elba leaders, City of Elba Queens, and Mizell Memorial Hospital leaders.

"We are humbled and excited about the outpouring of support from Elba and the surrounding communities," McCollough said.

"We are grateful for the patients who have chosen us to meet their healthcare needs, whether for chronic care management or acute illnesses and have had patience with us as we have had to work through some of the bugs of opening a new clinic."

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox said the city is thrilled to have the Elba Healthcare clinic in Elba, and he said he believes the number of patients that have been seen already by the clinic staff is a positive sign of a great partnership being formed between the clinic and community.

Q: Are you going to stay in Elba, or are you going to leave like everyone else?

A: I do not see us leaving. Jessica, Anna, and I look at this clinic as the place we plan to retire from. Elba is home for all three of us and always will be. It is vastly important that we continue to receive the outpouring of support we have received from the cities of Elba and Opp and the surrounding communities. Simply put, for us to remain open, we must continue to have patients coming in the doors to be seen.

Q: Do you accept insurance?

A: Yes! We accept all insurances and no insurance! If you have insurance, we will file to your insurance and if you do not have insurance, there are cash pay options available as well as a financial assistance program through Mizell Hospital.

Additionally, I typically try to do whatever I can to reduce costs for patients if possible.

Q: Are you just an urgent care or can you be my primary physician?

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RIBBON CUTTING HELD FOR ELBA HEALTHCARE FACILITY...With the rays of the morning sun shining over the building, the Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony early Tuesday morning, Sept. 20, at the Elba Healthcare medical clinic, located at 918 Drayton Avenue in Elba. This medical office is operated by Mizell Memorial Hospital of Opp, Ala., and the in-house CRNP at Elba Healthcare is Elba native Dylan McCollough. Joining the Elba Chamber and Elba Healthcare employees for the ribbon cutting were Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, the reigning Elba Queens, Mizell Hospital leaders, and other family and friends. Following the 'cutting of the ribbon' everyone was invited inside the clinic for tours and to enjoy a light pastries breakfast.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There are good ships and there are wood ships, ships that sail the sea. The best ships are friendships, and may they always be." - Tom Metthes

Another prominent Russian businessman has been found dead. This time the man's body was found on a beach and the death was announced as an 'apparent' drowning. It sounds like folks such as him were living the 'good life' until it was decided he was a possible threat to someone higher up the pecking order. With all our short comings and warts, the USA is still the better way of life.

The City of Elba has officially shut down the local recycling program – at least temporarily. City officials say they are researching their options but for now there is no citywide recycling. In fact there are large signs posted at front and back of the recycling center announcing the closing and adding a warning that the site is monitored by security cameras. To this country boy that means we better not try dumping our recycle quality waste anywhere around the old high school gym! Otherwise the trash patrol will 'get you'.

It is impossible not to have sympathy for the people of Ukraine as they are in the throes of an invasion from neighboring Russia. Innocent people are dying, having their homes and workplace destroyed, day and night. While the recent news reports of them pushing back the invaders is encouraging, those thoughts are quickly followed by questions of how will the Russians react to the setbacks. It appears the initial reaction has been to step up the intensity of rockets being fired into civilian targets – again day and night.

The ongoing sparring between the Donald Trump camp and the U. S. Justice Department over classified documents is . . . somewhere. Frankly, we have no idea the status of their name calling deal, but suspect it will be a long, drawn out ordeal with only the lawyers involved 'winning' anything.

The feds have released data indicating Alabama residents who qualify for the forgiven college loans of \$10,000 or \$20,000 number 588,000 while an additional 404,900 qualify for Pell Grant forgiveness. Nationwide they are projecting 20 million who qualify for the loan forgiveness. That is a bunch of money to a bunch of folks, from a government that doesn't have anything it doesn't get from the taxpayers of the country. Those of us who helped our children get their college education without the government loans should not be bitter, but grateful that our children were not saddled with those monstrous repayment schedules, especially as they were establishing their own families.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

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Q and A

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A: We are whatever you need us to be! I have training as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I have seen patients for sick visits and as a primary care provider. We can draw annual lab work and manage diabetes, hypertension, etc. or get you back to feeling normal from the flu, covid, or a sinus infection. We can also place referrals to specialty need practices (i.e. orthopedics, cardiology, ENT, podiatry), and Mizell Hospital offers close access to many of these specialties for patients not wanting to travel to Dothan or Montgomery. Additionally, we offer occupational medicine services through the clinic and in collaboration with the Industrial Medicine Department at Mizell Hospital.

Q: I have a primary care provider already, but I can't get in to see them. Can I come see you?

A: Of course! If you already have a primary care provider (doctor) that is managing your chronic needs, we will still be more than happy to see and treat you for acute problems. Additionally, if referrals are needed for acute needs, we can place them as well. Some insurance plans, however, do require a referral from your primary care provider to see us or do require you to only see your primary care physician, so please check your insurance plan or with your insurance provider for questions. Typically, if this issue arises you will be alerted when submitting your registration paperwork to our front desk personnel and you will be instructed to call your insurance provider for clarification.

Additionally, if you are unhappy with your current primary healthcare provider for any reason, you can sign a records release form, and we will be more than happy to assume your primary care needs as well.

Q: What services do you offer?

A: We provide a wide range of services. In clinic, we draw blood to send for lab work up, perform urine studies, and Covid/Flu/Strep testing. We also have many medications that we can give as a shot (injection). We also have the supplies needed to sew or staple cuts/lacerations and incise bumps to drain and pack if needed. For X-rays, we provide an order for the study and fax the order to the x-ray facility of your choosing. Typically, we try to refer most of

labs and radiological studies to Mizell if the patient does not have a facility preference.

Q: What are your hours? When are you open?

A: We are open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with lunch being from 12-1. If for some reason we will be closed due to holidays or vacations and our hours change, the changes will be posted on our front door and to our social media (Elba Healthcare Facebook page) at least two weeks in advance unless of a sudden emergency. I will also try to notify The Elba Clipper of any schedule changes as well so that they can be published at least two weeks in advance.

Q: Will the decision of the Opp City Council regarding hospital funding affect the clinic in Elba?

A: To the best of my knowledge currently, no. However, to prevent this from affecting the Elba Healthcare clinic, as previously mentioned, it is imperative that patients utilize the clinic in Elba and if possible, utilize the services that Mizell Hospital has to offer. From my experience, Mizell Hospital has very top-notch facilities, and even offers some things that large hospitals do not have access to in-house. For example, Mizell has one of the newest mammogram machines on the market, and, to my understanding from a patient experience, it is not painful at all. In Elba, we are all too familiar with what it is like to lose the hospital and the strain it puts on the community. Let's band together, as we always have, to utilize the clinic Mizell has placed in Elba and to support our neighbors down Highway 84 to keep Mizell Hospital thriving!

Q: How long is the wait?

A: It depends. I strive to have patients evaluated and discharged from the clinic in a timely manner, and I truly respect your time as the patient. If you call and schedule an appointment, your scheduled time will take precedence over a walk-in patient unless it is an emergent situation. Furthermore, if you do choose to come in as a "walk-in" patient, we will have you signed in, worked up, and discharged as soon as possible.

"If anyone has any questions, concerns, or simply wants to just stop by and meet the staff, please contact Elba Healthcare at 334-493-5713 or message us on Facebook under the Elba Healthcare Facebook page," McCollough said. "We will do our best to respond in a timely manner."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, and Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Animal complaint reported at 1510 Stoudemire St (9:22 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (9:50 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (4:54 p.m.); Harassment reported at 510 Dixon St (5:05 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 221 E Davis St (11:27 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in eight citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Animal complaint reported at 1026 Caroline St (12:15 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 176 County Rd 431 (2:04 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 994 Sunset Blvd (10:14 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Thursday, Sept. 15 – Trespassing reported at 720 Reess Ave (7:11 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1149 Smith Ave (8:09 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (8:50 a.m.).

Sunday, Sept. 18 – Civil complaint reported at 987 Drayton Ave (10:26 a.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported 2540 Taylor Mill Rd (5:55 p.m.).

Monday, Sept. 19 – Domestic complaint reported at 14744 Hwy 87 (9:24 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 997 Winston Ave (9:23 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Theft of services reported at 181 Virgil Coleman Dr – w/ an arrest (9:27 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Neil Grantham Dr (2:59 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 220 County Rd 401 (5:52 p.m.); Receiving Stolen Property reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (6:49 p.m.). Elba Police assisted another agency with one traffic stop.

Friday, Sept. 16 – Animal complaint reported at 3319 County Rd 201 (8:42 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 950 Carver Dr (9:30 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (12:16 p.m.); Harassment reported at 656 Reynolds Ave – w/ an arrest (1:57 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Adams Ave (9:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 145 Tiger Dr – driver issued a verbal warning (10:25 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Saturday, Sept. 17 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 322 Buford St (12:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1251 Jones Circle (2:57 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (3:17 a.m.); Harassment reported at 20741 Hwy 189 (12:24 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (2:06 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 252 Larkin Rd (11:17 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

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Next came the pre-op wait! Papa seemed to think

he was the only patient the place had that day, despite the fact he could hear all the busy traffic around him from others also waiting their turn for whatever procedure they were in for that day. When the sweet nurse came to take Papa away for his test, he announced to her that he, "sure was glad to see her because he was getting impatient."

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister rotate the duty of designated driver out each time. Lou Lou handled the first time, which meant she was up to bat again this year for round three! It seems to get more interesting each time with 'ole Papa.

It obviously was not her first rodeo because she came right back at him with, "Well...good thing I got here when I did!"

All Lou Lou could think was "about to get impatient...more like, been impatient for an hour!"

As Lou Lou waited in the lobby for the test to be completed, she let Sister know how things had been going so far. She especially enjoyed reminding her that she would be up next time, and he would most likely be even worse by that time!

A short while later, the doctor called Lou Lou to let her know everything went well, and Papa had been cleared for five years before he would need to come again for the procedure. Soon after, Lou Lou had him loaded up and off to get him a hamburger and fries they went!

He proclaimed, "Even the lettuce is good today!"

Sister thought Lou Lou made it up when she repeated his comment about the lettuce, but not this time! That was all Papa! She needed Papa to eat just about as much as he did!

Apparently, anesthesia turns him into an even bigger chatter-box than normal. Lou Lou's ears were ringing when the two made it back to glorious Yonder, and she was thanking Heaven that Papa needed a nap to sleep off the rest of the meds!!

It is several days later, and Papa is back to his normal self. More importantly [to him] is that he has not missed one single meal since the procedure...he even snuck away over the weekend to purchase some fresh 'snacks' to hide away at the Yonder gang's house...He thinks Lou Lou and Sister don't notice his little trips to the store for those snacks, but he is sorely mistaken!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Elba native Dr. Linda C. Young, president of Wallace Community College-Dothan (WCCD), has been honored as a Yellowhammer News 2022 Women of Impact honoree. The 5th annual Women of Impact Awards is a celebration of the "strong women who impact and propel Alabama," according to Yellowhammer News, and recognizes the personal and professional accomplishments of Alabama women leaders, advisers and mentors.

"I am truly honored and very humbled to be selected as a part of the 2022 Alabama Women of Impact," said Dr. Young. "To be recognized in this manner is certainly a highlight of my career, especially knowing that our state is home to so many incredible female leaders who have made and continue to make a difference each and every day. I cannot help but think of the amazing and influential education leaders, such as Dr. Imogene Mathison Mixson, who blazed trails, broke barriers, and inspired a generation of women. I am grateful for this honor, and I stand in awe of the accomplishments of my peers."

Dr. Young has spent most of her professional career in the Alabama Community College System (ACCS). In 1988, she became the first female to head an Alabama technical college when she was appointed president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula. When Sparks and WCCD merged



presidents in the nation to be presented the prestigious Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community colleges. In 2016, she was inducted into the Dothan Area Chamber Business Hall of Fame.

Over the span of her career, Dr. Young has served in leadership roles for many civic organizations and professional associations. Currently, she serves on Leadership Alabama's Board of Directors and will assume the role of chair in 2023. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Dothan Rotary Club, the Fort Rucker-Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), the Ozark-Dale County Economic Development Corporation, the Flowers Hospital Board, Wiregrass Forum, and the Economic Development Association of Alabama. In 2017, she was appointed by Governor Kay Ivey to serve on the Southeast Alabama Works! Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Board. In 2018, she was appointed by the Alabama Community College System Chancellor to the Council of Presidents, an advisory group to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

For additional information, including a full list of nominees, visit alabamawomen.org.

Governor Ivey announces Alabama State Parks to offer free admission Saturday on National Public Lands Day

Governor Kay Ivey on Monday, Sept. 19, announced that Alabama State Parks will waive all entrance and parking fees on National Public Lands Day, which takes place Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022.

"The past few years have shown us just how important outdoor recreation is to our health and well-being," said Governor Ivey. "Spending time outdoors can reset our minds and refresh our spirits. Because of that, I encourage you to visit any of our Alabama

State Parks on National Public Lands Day and experience some of the best our state has to offer."

National Public Lands Day celebrates the importance of public lands like Alabama State Parks, wildlife management areas and Forever Wild Land Trust tracts. Alabama State Parks now maintains 21 state parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of public land and water in the state. In recent years the State Parks Division has been implementing an

extensive renovation and improvement project statewide.

Although entry and parking fees will be waived on September 24, fees for park amenities such as canoe rentals and cave tours will still apply. There will be no cost for activities like hiking and mountain biking and enjoying day use areas throughout our state parks system.

Plan a visit to an Alabama State Park on National Public Lands Day at alapark.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
 Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by DON HOLLEY, A MARRIED PERSON, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, as successor by merger to The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, on June 17, 2005, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in A/OFRR 87A, Page 374; and Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by DON L. HOLLEY, A MARRIED PERSON, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, as successor by merger to The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, on June 17, 2005, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in A/OFRR 87A, Page 383;

said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 26th day of October, 2022, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgages, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
 A 3.13 acre parcel of land being a part of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of Section 13, T3N, R19E, Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the centerline intersection of Coffee County Highway 460 with Coffee County Highway 476, thence S 88°58'00" W 388.52 feet,

along the centerline of said Highway 476 to a point, thence N 85°41'00" W 66.88 feet, along said Highway 476 to a point, thence S 4°19'00" W 30.00 feet, to an iron pipe on the South line of Highway 476, said iron pipe being the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence S 2°12'03" E 341.75 feet, to an iron pipe, thence N 89°21'06" W 420.58 feet, to an iron pipe, thence N 5°33'41" E 346.49 feet, to an iron pipe on the South line of said Highway 476, thence S 88°45'22" E 373.94 feet (Chord), along the South line of Highway 476 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagor's default, including attorney's fees. Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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trustee of the above mentioned mortgage, will commence the foreclosure process if the above described property is not redeemed within the time allowed by law.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

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DONNON B. BRYAN

Mr. Donnon B. Bryan, age 77, of the Pine Level community, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba, Ala.



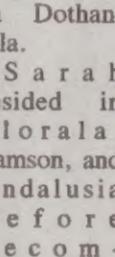
Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 2022 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Donnon was preceded in death by his wife - Frances Fowler Bryan; son - Tim Burns; three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his son: Chris (Stacy) Bryan, Jack, Ala.; daughter: Carla (Ronnie Powell) Bryan, Elba; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

SARAH TONIE PHILLIPS

Mrs. Sarah Tonie Phillips, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at Flowers Hospital



in Dothan, Ala.

Sarah resided in Flora, Samson, and Andalusia before becoming

a long-term resident of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Flora, Ala., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Those wishing to make memorials can do so to a charity of choice. She was preceded in death by her husband - Ralph Phillips, father - Samuel Davis, mother - Janie Lois Poston, son - Charles Gainey, and a grandson - Chuck Gainey.

Survivors include her sons: Jessie Miller, Elba, Jimmy Ray Adams, New Brockton, Ala., and Jerry Phillips, Hartford, Ala.; daughter: Delaine A. Miller, Pensacola, Fla.; grandson: Chad Gainey, Panama City, Fla.; granddaughter: Austi N. Michener, Albuquerque, N.M.; and a great-granddaughter: Rori Sage Fabert, also of Albuquerque.

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First, do not try to suppress uncomfortable feelings. Instead, embrace your feelings and know sadness and grief will be a part of your life. Your grief experience is unique. No one else knows exactly how you feel, and you can't predict exactly how you will respond.

Talk to someone and share your feelings. This may be a trusted friend or family member or even a counselor, therapist or minister.

Don't isolate yourself. It may be hard to muster the energy to socialize, especially as you need to spend more time caring for your loved one.

Spending time with friends can help you to be a better caregiver.

Take it one day at a time. Give yourself time to heal, it will be a long process. Know that eventually your grief will start to subside, and you will start to feel happy.

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Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Latoya was born March 7, 1982, to Sarah Nell Jones and Jimmy Lee Miley. She served her country honorably in the United States Army.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents - Ruth Stinson, Waymon Pryor, Rushie Miley and Robert Miley; uncles - James Arthur Pryor, Waymon Pryor, Mike Miley, Douglas Miley, Bobby Miley, and Lukie Miley; and aunt - Gaynell Miley.

Survivors include his children: Christy, Ian, and Mynisha; his grandchildren: Kai Alexander Fleming and Talia Jaymes Fleming; sisters: Angela and Chana; and sisters-in-law.

Enterprise Chamber of Commerce's Citizens' Interaction Committee, a member of the Coffee County Human Resource Development Corporation, Commissioner for the Enterprise Housing Authority, and member of the Enterprise Planning Commission.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Jimmy and Chris.

Survivors include his children: Christy, Ian, and Mynisha; his grandchildren: Kai Alexander Fleming and Talia Jaymes Fleming; sisters: Angela and Chana; and sisters-in-law.

ROBERT EDWARDS SR

Mr. Robert Edwards Sr., of Opp, Ala., died Friday Sept. 9, 2022.

Funeral services were held Saturday Sept. 17, 2022, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Minister Edwards was born October 16, 1947 to the late Bishop and Mittie B. Edwards.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; one daughter: Barbra Jean Edwards; three brothers: Ed Kellum, Larry O. Edwards; one God Brother: Bennett Echols; three sisters: Carrie "Poly" Austin, Willie Merle "Weeda" Edwards, Mittie Jewel "Sister" Edwards.

Survivors include two children: Robert Lewis "Moe" (Pamela) Edwards, Elba, and Mary Jean (Otis) Scott, Troy, Ala.; four grandchildren: Kei-Auna and Kyson Edwards, both of Elba. Tyeshia Varnes and Erica Stackhouse of Troy; nine great-grandchildren: Jayla and Jaylin Coleman of Elba, also Jayla, Laterrance, Malaki, Antonio, Akias, A-siah and Ty-lan of Troy; eight brothers: James (Patsy Nell) Bishop, Rochester, NY, Johnny C. (Gracie), Willie Joe, Charles, all of Opp, Joseph and Carlton, both of Georgiana, Ala. and Steve, Andalusia, Ala.; three sisters: Peggy, Julia (Gary) Crittenden, both of Opp, and Susan Marshall, Waynesville, Mo.

KUMMEL FLEMING

Rev. Kummel Fleming, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17, 2022 at the Enterprise Civic Center with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1959, in Enterprise. Before graduating from Enterprise High School in 1978, Kim was part of the school's award-winning FFA Quartet, and, most notably, as the first Black commander of the school's nationally ranked JROTC Rifle/Drill Team. This helped launch him into a career of service to his country - he enlisted in the United States Navy and served honorably for 20 years.

After retiring from the Navy, Kim answered the call to vocational ministry. In addition to his service as Pastor of Center Missionary Baptist Church in Newville, Ala., he has served as Chair of the

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Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe meeting set for Saturday, Sept. 24

There will be a mandatory Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal meeting Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1:00 PM CT. The meeting will be at Tribal headquarters located at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Discussions will include federal recognition, youth council for ENI, advisory council for ENI, walking farmers lawsuit.

For questions, feel free to contact Chief James Wright or Vice Chief Nancy Carnley at the following: office phone number - (334) 897-3207, cellphone 334-449-0607, email chiefjames@outlook.com or machis@centurytel.net.

DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 meeting planned for Thursday night, Sept. 22

The September 2022 New Brockton Senior meeting for the DAV Center.

Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. in the

Teel named to Dean's List at Alabama

Kinston's Courtney Teel was named to The University of Alabama's Dean's List for summer semester 2022.

A total of 383 students enrolled during summer semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's

list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Annual Jack Day Festival
(next to Zion Chapel Schools)
Saturday, Oct. 1st
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KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT... Kinston's Homecoming will be Friday, Sept. 30. The students have elected their Homecoming Court to reign over the festivities, to include: (left to right) Madison Lolley, junior attendant; Rachel Hall, senior attendant; Claire McReynolds, 2022 Homecoming Queen; Abbie Green, senior attendant; Laken White, sophomore attendant; and Maggie Courson, freshman attendant. The Homecoming Parade will be at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. The queen and her court will be presented at halftime during the football game against Pleasant Home.

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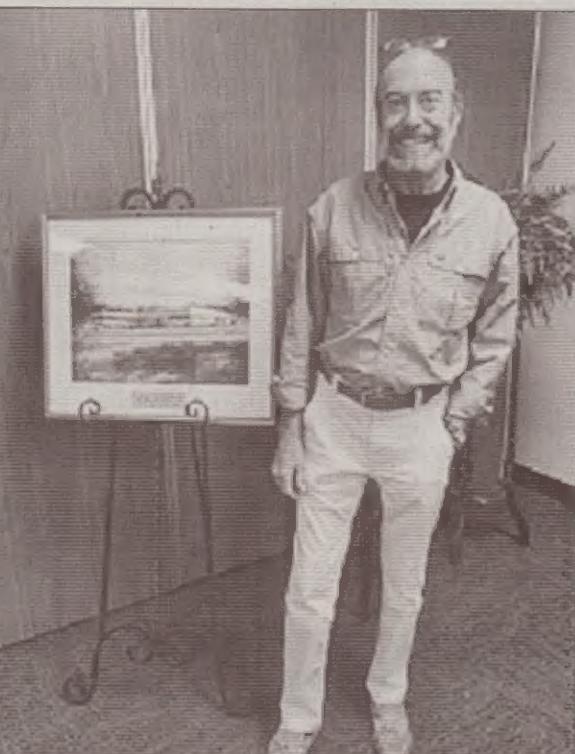
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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF JACK, ALABAMA HOSTED THE 2022 MISS SUNFLOWER QUEEN pageant last Sunday, Sept. 18, at Zion Chapel High School. Queens crowned included: (front, l to r) Petite Miss Sunflower Georgia Moseley, Little Miss Sunflower Baelynn Zingre, Tiny Miss Sunflower Blakelynn Mock, and Baby Miss Sunflower Parker Kelley; (back, l to r) Teen Miss Sunflower Isabel Kelley, Miss Sunflower Emma Killingsworth, and Junior Miss Sunflower Sophie Prescott. The pageant is held in conjunction with the Jack Day Festival, which will be Saturday, Oct. 1, this year. The Sunflower Queens will reign over that event.

NOTICES:

- The City of Elba has closed its recycling drop off center in downtown Elba [old EHS gymnasium]. It is unknown at this time when the center will reopen.
- Effective Oct. 1, 2022, Elba Water and Electric delinquent fees will increase from thirty dollars (\$30) to fifty (\$50). The afterhours fee will increase from fifty dollars (\$50) to seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- The Elba Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City of Elba, will host the annual Pumpkins on the Square event in downtown Elba on Monday, Oct. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. This event will include trick-or-treating, costume contests for children, entertainment, and much more!



HAPPY RETIREMENT... The National Security Group honored Bill Brunson with a retirement celebration Friday, Sept. 2, in Elba, Ala. Brunson is retiring after 39 years at National Security, but he will remain with the company in a consulting role. He was serving as President and CEO at the time of his retirement. The National Security Group, founded in Elba, in 1947 recently underwent an ownership change to VR Insurance Holdings Inc.

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Elba Ministerial Alliance meeting set for Thursday, Oct. 6, at noon

The Elba Ministerial Alliance will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 12 noon at The Rabbit Hole, located at 214 Factory Street, Elba. The group of local min-

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming will be Sunday, Oct. 2nd

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, Ala., will hold Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Old Southern Gospel Group will provide music beginning at 10 a.m., and services

will begin at 11. Bro. Will Jordan, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will provide the message, followed by dinner on the grounds.

These are the first ser-

vices since the pandemic, and everyone is invited to attend!

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

When Wanda and I visited our family in Africa recently, the flight over was great. No problem at all! The trip home, however, was completely different.

The flight from Dakar, Senegal to JFK International in New York City was delayed. Then delayed again. And again. When we finally arrived and navigated our way through customs, it was too late - we had missed our next flight. There had to be a change of plans!

Negotiation with the airline, waiting, and more waiting followed. Sleeping in a hard plastic chair around hundreds of strangers was not the plan. What a disappointment!

So often our nice, neat, well made and thoughtful plans have to change. We didn't want it this way. It takes us far from our comfort zone. We don't understand why, and don't know how we'll make things work. Decisions must be made. Direction must be determined.

When our plans must change, it is comforting to know that God's plans do not. He is never taken by surprise! Proverbs 16:9 states, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." His ways truly are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). But, we can have confidence that his way is perfect (2 Samuel 22:31).

Our plans changed, but we eventually made it home. You will, too! Trust him, and trust his plan. As you do, your final destination will be reached.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Value of Wisdom; Wisdom is Near and Available [Proverbs 2:1-4]

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September Birthdays / Anniversaries

Linda Hooks 9/13 R.C. Carpenter 9/13 (in memory)

Verlin Whitfield 9/13 Tyrek Pruitt 9/13 Jarrel K. Smedley 9/14 Victoria Florence 9/14 Michael Terrell 9/14 Deana Cole 9/16 Ollie R. Peterson 9/16 Heather N. Knight 9/17 Jonathan Lockett 9/18 Wallace Daniels Sr. 9/18

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9/22/22

Multiple Choice

Q: In James, which of Abraham's actions illustrate the faith without works is dead? (left home, circumcised, offered Isaac)

A: Offered Isaac [James 2: 20, 21]

Q: What other example of faith and works does James use? (Joshua, Rahab, Ruth)

A: Rahab [James 2:25]

Thought to Remember

We must come to God on His terms, not ours.

Questions for the Week of 9/29/22

True or False - Use Your Concordance

Q: Philip the evangelist was "one of the five."

Q: According to James, it doesn't matter if works accompany faith.

Q: Wisdom from above shows partiality toward rich people at work.

In spite of having been stoned and left for dead,

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: LILLY ERENA POWERS DOB: 10/18/2012 A MINOR CHILD.

Case No.: 2022-DR-9086

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY RELATIVE AND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: Michael Patrick Powers Biological Father Last Known Address: 119 Jonathan Lane Daleville, Alabama 36322

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Russell J. Frank, Esq., whose address is CPLS, P.A., 201 E. Pine Street, Suite 445, Orlando, Florida 32801, on or before October 20, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida 32801 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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CASE NO PC 2022-064

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration

upon the Estate of Rex

Parker having been granted

to Jennifer K. Parker Parrish

on the 30th day of August

2022, by the Honorable

Jodee Thompson, Judge of

Probate of Coffee County,

Alabama, notice is hereby

given that all persons hav-

ing claims against said

estate are hereby required

to present the same within

the time allowed by law or

the same will be barred.

/s/ Jennifer K Parker Parrish

Jennifer K. Parker Parrish

Administrator of said Estate

By /s/ Lee F. Knowles

Lee F. Knowles

Attorney for Petitioner and

the Estate

9/8,15-22-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MATTER OF JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER (D/O/B/ 07/16/1970)

An incapacitated person

CASE NO: PC-2021-071

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

This day came Doris Days

Conservator of the property

of Jimmy Glenn Chandler,

an incapacitated person, and

files her account vouchers,

evidence and statements

for a final settlement of her

Conservatorship.

It is ORDERED that the

date of October, 2022 at 9:00

o'clock a.m. be appointed

a day on which to make

such settlement, at which

time all persons interested

can appear and contest the

said settlement if they think

proper.

It is further ORDERED

that a copy of Petitioner's

pleading styled "Motion to

Dismiss Guardianship and

Conservatorship" and the Order setting the

Petition for Hearing, along

with a copy of this Final

Settlement Notice be served

on all interested parties.

WITNESS my hand this

31st day of August 2022

/s/ JODEE R. THOMPSON

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9/8,15/22-pd

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a busy week for Nanny as she brought Lawson home four afternoons while his Mom was at volleyball practice and then headed over to Ozark on her one day off to help Melanie with her newborn son Cannon. She is making the most of her retirement after 34 years in education, but lately has been busy almost every day of the week with her two grandsons.

For what it is worth....

*** It wasn't a good week for the county schools

Zion Chapel was blanked by Ariton 35-0, New Brockton trailed 49-0 at the half in a 49-6 loss to Houston Academy and Kinston never had a chance in a 53-6 loss to Brantley. While the Rebels did battle for all four quarters in its loss, they made too many mistakes to have a chance against a very talented opponent; the Gamecocks were totally dominated and remained winless in their life as a 3A team; and, the Bulldogs were just no match for the big 'dogs from up in Crenshaw County. Brantley did keep the area teams from going 0 for the week with its easy win over Kinston, and it was easy to see the green clad 'Dogs had a short memory after a rare regular season loss the week before.

*** Only ten teams ranked in the 'Top 10' lost last week as the standings began to settle down, but the ranked teams that lost that caught my eye included Opelika in 7A being shocked by Prattville 24-21, in 2A Lanett dropping to 2-3 on the season with a 26-25 road loss to Luverne, and also in Class 2A, defending state champ Clarke County slipping to 1-3 with a 49-13 loss to Demopolis. Other games that were in the headlines included (7A) Dothan outscoring Smiths Station 57-43 and Enterprise rolling to a 50-6 win over Rehobeth; (6A) Saraland pounding Robertsdale 50-0 and Carver outscoring Stanhope Elmore 46-44; (5A) Greenville being spanked by Selma 36-6 and Charles Henderson losing its first game of the season to Beauregard 26-24; (4A) Andalusia blasting Montgomery Academy 49-7 in Montgomery, B.T. Washington knocking off Slocomb 34-14, Montgomery Catholic embarrassing Geneva 62-0 and Dale County finally getting a win with a 29-12 win over Bullock, County; (3A) Daleville winning for the second straight week with a 16-15 win over Northside Methodist, Opp holding off Pike County 28-27 and Straughn remaining undefeated with a 41-12 victory over Ashford; (2A) Samson remaining winless with a 22-0 loss to Cottonwood, G.W. Long struggling past Geneva County 21-0, Wicksburg winning its third straight after an 0-2 start with a 29-8 win over Abbeville, and Barbour County remaining winless and no threat with a 76-0 loss to Reeltown; (1A) Georgiana staying unbeaten with a 22-13 win over Houston County, and Red Level slipping past McKenzie 25-24.

*** It was a crazy week for the three college teams of local interest as Alabama rolled over ULM 63-7, Auburn got blown out at home in a 41-12 loss to Penn State, and Troy lost on the game's final play 32-28 to App State. The Crimson Tide jumped out to a 28-0 first quarter lead, dozed off in the second quarter and woke up in the second half to outscore its outmanned opponents 35-0 to post the lopsided win. Alabama rolled up 509 yards in total offense and over 300 yards in return yardage in the win, while holding ULM to 169 total yards. It was simply a mismatch! The Tigers embarrassed the 80,000 Auburn fans in attendance, almost a million Tiger fans watching on TV and the entire SEC in its big homefield loss. After two wins any thought the Tigers may be back and save the job of Coach Brian Harsin. However, after the loss last week I am sure to many AU fans he can't go fast enough! Troy watched App State complete a 53-yard 'Hail Mary' pass on the game's final play and left the stadium with the heart stopping loss. The Trojans are no doubt better than any time in recent years, but still have to learn how to win before they can be a true contender!

*** The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) released its participation numbers last week for the first time in three years, and although a total of 7,618,054

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high school student-athletes took part in sports during the 2021-2022 school year, it was a four-percent decline in the number of high school students playing sports from the 2018-2019 school year. The figures showed that 4,376,582 boys and 3,241,472 girls were active in sports last year, with the most popular sports for boys being #1 football, #2 track and field, #3 basketball, #4 baseball and #5 soccer, and the most popular sports for girls being #1 track and field, #2 volleyball, #3 soccer, #4 basketball and #5 softball. Extra-curricular activities are very important in the growth of high school students, and it is great to see that over seven million are playing sports.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* said he was taking his crystal ball out of the closet and shining it up after hitting only 23 of his 31 picks last week. The local guesser didn't say he was going to let the magic globe make this week's picks, but did hint another so-so week could lead to a change. Oh well, he did leave this week's picks and seemed confident. Here goes....

ELBA VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The Pea River felines took last week off to heal up after four tough games and should be fresh and frisky Friday night when they get back on the field for a battle against a flock of birds that nest near the circle city. While the birds are bigger and are definitely a threat to leave with an upset, the guess here is that the felines will find a way to hang up win #5.

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BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The bulldogs from up across the creek got in a good workout last week in preparation for this week's cross-county clash with a troop of flyboys that have been taking names all season. The flyboys will definitely be the favorites in this one and definitely have the weapons to take command. But the guess here is that the bulldogs will hang around and make it a four quarter contest.

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Elba's Sieving concerned about 3A Eagles

The Elba Tigers will return to action Friday night when they host the 3A Providence Christian Eagles, in a non-region clash at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will head into the game with a 4-0 record after posting wins over New Brockton 40-8, Kinston 33-6, Houston County 36-6 and Brantley 42-35, while the Eagles will enter the game with a 2-2 record after wins over

Ashford 35-8 and New Brockton 27-6, and losses to Highland Home 28-6 and Opp 20-14.

"Providence Christian has a very good football team and its record is deceiving," said Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving.

"It's losses are to the second ranked team in the state in Class 2A and the number five team in the state in Class 3A, and they battled for all four quarters

in both losses. Providence Christian is without a doubt one of the best teams on our schedule, is well coached, very disciplined and very talented."

On offense they are a run first team and are very disciplined at every position," added Sieving.

"They run the wing-t out of the shotgun formation and use a lot of misdirection on just about every play. They are very gritty up front, have some backs that run hard and just really get after it.

They will pass and do a good job when they do, but they want to run the ball first to control the tempo of the game. Over on defense they will have a lot of fresh folks that will be rested, because they don't have many players that go both ways. They run to the football on defense and are very sound in all they do."

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SPORTS NEWS

Kinston volleyball action includes mixed results last week

Stats submitted by
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The seventh-ranked Kinston Lady Bulldogs in Class 1A volleyball recently defeated Opp in a four-set match 10-25, 25-14, 25-15, and 25-22.

In the match, Daniell Cain had eight aces on 33 serves to lead the Lady Bulldogs. She also accounted for four blocks and 38 passes while Claire McReynolds had four kills, 11 hits, and 27 sets.

Both the Junior High and Junior Varsity squads lost their matches to Opp on this day.

The Junior High Lady 'Dawgs fell 26-24, 18-25, 9-15 in the match. Gracie Rhoades had 19 passes, Madisyn Jones had one set, Maggie Martin had 13 serves, and both Rylie Rhoades and River Riley had one hit each.

The JV squad lost in two sets 14-25, 11-25 to the Lady JV Bobcats. For the Lady 'Dawgs, Tori Pettis accounted for 20 passes and three hits, Lillie Sumblin had five hits and two blocks, Sage Beck had 2 blocks and three hits, and Brynne Kelley had three hits. Also, both Chloe Phillips and Bella Lashley each had four sets in the match.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, all three volleyball squads from Kinston lost to Class 5A Andalusia.

The Junior High team fell in two sets 22-25, 15-25. Highlights from the match came from Maggie Martin with nine serves, Rylie Rhoades with 16 passes and one hit, Adalyn Wise with



The Kinston Junior High Volleyball team has an overall record of 5-3 on the 2022 season. Team members included: (front, l to r) River Riley and Karlee Wallace; (middle, l to r) Kenleigh Sparks, Maggie Martin, Madisyn Jones, and Emory Kinsaul; (back, l to r) Gracie Rhoades, Ava Carnley, Adalyn Wise, Trinity Carnley, Rylie Rhoades, and Justine Creech.

(Photo Submitted by Suzanne Elmore)

one hit, and Grace Rhoades with five aces on 16 serves.

Kinston's JV also lost in two sets to Andalusia 12-25, 15, 25. Lillie Sumblin led Kinston in the match with two aces on eight serves, while Brynne Kelley had six hits, Bella Lashley had 12 sets, and Tori Pettis has 20 passes.

The Varsity team lost in three sets 10-25, 14-25, 17-25. Claire McReynolds has three aces on eight serves along with 28 sets in the match for Kinston. Also, Cameran Whigham has 35 passes, and Danielle Cain accounted for nine hits, three blocks and two kills.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, the Lady Bulldogs enjoyed

better results with the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams claiming wins against Pleasant Home. The Varsity squad suffered another loss.

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